

RAILROADS REFUSE TO END STRIKE

Operators' Failure to Grant Privileges Defers Settlement.

MAIL BEING MAILED BY TRUCK IN EAST

Maintenance of Way Men Expect Strike Call at Early Date, is Statement Made in New York.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, July 15.—Virtually abandoning hope of the early settlement of the railroad strike, following last night's conference, railroad executives today prepared to reopen the strike with non-union employees, according to officials of the railroad labor board.

The stumbling block of the settlement, it was said, will be the union demand for restoration of seniority and other privileges.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The inauguration of the use of motor trucks to transport mails due to the inability of the railroads to move mail on account of the shutdown of the strike was announced today by Postmaster General Work.

Trucks are to be used between St. Louis and St. Paul, Minn., between which points all mail trains have been completely discontinued.

NEW YORK, July 15.—The president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, who ordered a strike of 600,000 men of his union "at any hour," was made today by William Parker, leader of the New York Central maintenance of way men. The New York Central men are up in arms at Parker's action of holding off the strike.

TO PLACE FISH ON ICE SUNDAY

Fish for the big fish feed at the M. E. church Monday evening are expected to be brought into La Grande in large quantities beginning late tomorrow afternoon. All members who are going fishing either tomorrow or Monday to supply the huge quantities that the several hundred members expect to see piled on the tables having promised to catch the limit.

In order that the fish may be properly cared for the Oregon Hardware and Lumber company has announced that beginning at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon all fish brought to their store will be placed on ice and properly cared for. Anglers can bring their catches to the store all day Monday, as well as after four on Sunday.

The big annual fish contest is being held in the city's history. Those going fishing are trying to supply a large enough quantity so that all the non-fishing members can get their fill of fish too.

INTERMENT MADE IN PORTLAND

The funeral of the late George Palmer was held yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian church, where relatives and friends of this prominent citizen gathered to pay their last respects to him.

Rev. G. L. Clark, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, and a personal friend of Mr. Palmer, came over from his home in Pendleton and conducted the funeral service.

The Masonic Order attended in a body. In the evening the remains were shipped to Portland for interment in a mausoleum.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 15.—Hearst's offer for the purchase of the lease of the government's surplus Muscle Shoals was rejected by the state agricultural committee today by a vote of nine to seven.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, July 15.—Orders to spend the balance of \$100,000 to replace a part of the \$100,000 sold during the war as surplus to England were received at the Philadelphia mint.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Six airplanes of the 1st and 2nd squadrons started for Eugene, Oregon, today to participate in the forest air patrol in Oregon and Washington. They will be joined by two from Camp Lewis.

CELEBRATION OF LIBRARY'S BIRTH WELL ATTENDED

Remarkable Growth Presented in Figures by Vice-President George Cochran

With a receiving line of ladies whose hearts are in the La Grande library and its work, a large number of citizens were welcomed last evening to the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the institution.

Storing the program with several selections the La Grande Municipal Band put everyone in a good frame of mind to hear the program. Vice-President George T. Cochran presided during the evening and introduced those who rendered the program.

Mrs. Stella Ingle was the first speaker and her remarks covered the historical features of the La Grande library.

After the library was started, she went deeply into several of the important points of library and pleaded in her closing remarks for continuation of the splendid support that has been given the library during the past decade. Here was an address of welcome, and responding to it David Stoddard, city commissioner, spoke for the community as a whole. He expressed positive approval of the library work as it has been carried on and said of all the causes voted by the people of the city for the different undertakings no tax was more freely voted than that which goes to support and maintain the public library.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson sang two choice vocal selections and the audience enjoyed each number. Appreciative applause showed how sincerely grateful is the public for the talent of this lady.

Bruce Dennis, editor of the Observer, reviewed the past ten years of La Grande's history in a few brief remarks calling attention to the important part the library has played in the growth of the city and the development of the younger people of the city.

George T. Cochran's talk dealt with the history of the library. He pointed out that the library was first organized in 1912 in a room in the city hall. The first library board had been appointed the previous year. Dr. A. L. Richardson, then mayor of the city, appointed this board in November, 1911. The members of this board, which spent many months of hard work preparing for the establishment of the library, were J. A. Laughlin, president; Turner Oliver, E. E. Bragg, Mrs. A. T. Hill, C. S. Dunn, M. B. Donohue, Geo. T. Cochran, Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn and Dr. Richardson, the latter being ex-officio member as mayor of the city.

Miss Marion Cowell, the first librarian, was engaged on May 15, 1912. In the year 1912 a Carnegie gift of \$12,500 was granted with a promise of a tax levy from the city of not less than \$2500 annually.

The present building was completed in the year 1914 and its formal opening was on March 15, 1914. A "charity week" of the library was announced by Miss Nichols as a further observance of the tenth anniversary. Any overdue books returned during the week will be received by the librarian without fines being assessed. Miss Nichols asks, furthermore, that all borrowers go through their book shelves to see if some of the many volumes that are unaccounted for may not be among their own books. No fines will be assessed on any such books discovered and brought in during the coming week.

Mrs. Bert Oakman is the pioneer of Palmer valley, up where the logged off lands are plentiful, where nature reigns supreme and where the fish bite the year around. She is more than a pioneer, she is a booster. Not only for Palmer valley but for the entire Eastern Oregon country and her boosting means something because she is the wife of Bert Oakman, national deputy for the Modern Woodmen lodge and who travel over the entire United States, thus giving her an opportunity to see and compare this country with other sections of the nation.

From the time she came to Palmer valley in 1908 and while she said Florida was a place in the winter season it is not as attractive as the La Grande home.

"I don't find any place quite so good as the one I am in," she remarked to the Evening Observer. "Palmer valley has been very attractive but after you have remained a while and found the facts, and the comparison with Eastern Oregon my vote is always cast for the great country."

Today Mrs. Oakman purchased a residence on East Adams and this will be home to the Oakman family in the future. She expects to leave with her husband about the first of September, when they will start on their annual swing around the circle, taking in the large cities of the United States in his lodge work.

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HOOD RIVER COUNTY HAS FOREST FIRE

Careless Farmer Sentenced for Starting Blaze on Highway

NINETY DAYS IN JAIL IS VERDICT

Heavy Stand of Timber is Menaced; Brush and scrub Timber near The Dalles also Afire.

(By Associated Press.) HOOD RIVER, July 15.—Hood River county, remarkably free from forest fires up to date, developed an epidemic of bad burns Friday. The Columbia river highway town, with a stand of timber, was threatened by a fire three miles square and a serious burn was developed on the ridge between here and The Dalles. A heavy stand of timber is located on the headwaters of Hood creek and the sum of smoke rising indicated that the flames were raging through this.

John Smith, owner of a ranch near Hood River, accused by Forest Rangers of starting the fire, was sentenced to 90 days in jail by Justice of the Peace O'Neil.

THE DALLES, July 15.—A forest fire was reported today in the Mill creek district, about four miles southwest of The Dalles, this afternoon. The fire was said to be burning in brush and scrub timber and to have destroyed a quantity of cut wood which had been piled. Every available man in the district was sent to fighting the flames, which at 1 o'clock this afternoon were reported to be still beyond control.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 15.—New forest fire of serious proportions were reported throughout the Idaho empire today, with a fire which has been burning nearly two weeks in the Aladdin district out of control and burning at will, and a report this afternoon from Fred Trout of the Stevens county forest protective association.

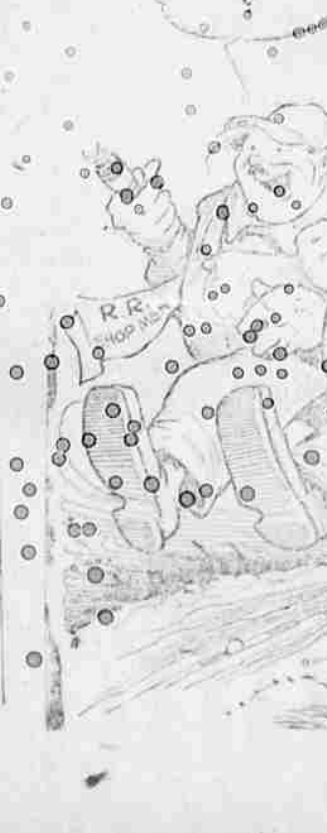
CARS CRASH AT ELM AND ADAMS

A traffic accident occurred on the intersection of Elm and Adams this morning at about eleven o'clock when Dr. P. A. Charlton, driving east, and a Mr. McMillan, driving north, collided due to faulty brakes. Neither of the men was injured but both cars were damaged slightly. The former's car was damaged about the running board and the latter's car about the radiator and fender.

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Vacationing Is a Great Sport—When Someone Carries the Baggage.



BARRACKS ARE TAKEN BY THE REPUBLICANS

Free State Officers Said to Have Broken Agreement Relating to Limerick Area

(By Associated Press.) CORK, July 15.—Capture of the barracks at Kilmallick, county Limerick, and the Free State garrison, arms and equipment was claimed in a republican dispatch issued at midnight Friday.

The regular republican military bulletin given out from the headquarters at Clonmel Thursday night says the agreement covering Limerick city and the Limerick bridge area has been broken by the Free State officers who signed it and that fighting is now in progress there. The republicans are declared to hold the initiative and to have reinforcements on the way.

The statement says 64 of the garrison surrendered after a fight lasting three hours, and that a number of rifles and a large quantity of supplies were taken.

The republicans admit the loss of the town of Galway, and say their forces there were surprised. They lost Lieutenant Deane, killed, and five wounded. The capture of the Free State posts at Kilmallick, with 48 prisoners, and Rostown, within 21 miles, is claimed. Several rifles and much ammunition were taken in both places.

DRIVER OF CAR IS BEING SUED

Even Allen of Lostine has brought suit for \$5000 damages against the driver of the car which ran over Mrs. Allen's child on the Fourth. Mrs. Allen is still in the hospital and has suffered previously since she was injured. She is now making such progress that it is hoped she will escape permanent consequences.

Recovery was made by Mr. Allen regarding the driver, who he feared had gone. The driver was a young man running his father's car. The mother has been picked up and effort will be made to hold the reckless driver to an accounting.

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PERRY RESIDENT DIED YESTERDAY

Adolph Lauer, an aged resident of Perry, passed on at his home yesterday noon at the termination of an extended illness. He was 65 years of age at the time of his death and had been a resident of Perry for eleven years. Mr. Lauer is survived by his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Lauer.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from Hogan Hall, in charge of the W. H. Holmquist Co., with Rev. A. R. Sitten delivering the funeral sermon. The remains will find their final resting place in the Masonic cemetery.

Landis Stands Firm on Ruling

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, July 15.—Commissioner Landis today at Chicago refused to modify his order suspending Manager Kenworthy of the Portland club and criticized the rules which limit punishment of minor league club owners to a reprimand.

G. C. Moser, vice president and attorney for the Portland club, interpreted this as a notification of the Landis order barring President W. H. Klepp and James E. Brewster, stockholder, from organized baseball for specified periods.

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John D.'s Birthday Photo



Here's John D. Rockefeller, world's richest man, as he looked on his 83rd birthday anniversary. He spent the day in going to church at Tarrytown, N. Y., and taking an auto ride through the Tarrytown estate.

STRIKE FUNDS INCREASED BY BROTHERHOODS

Nearly \$1,000 Turned over to Committee by the Organizations of other Crafts Today.

The local Big Four brotherhoods today turned over to the strike fund the sum of \$1,000. The sum, most of which was in the form of cash, is added to the fund for the strike. Of course I am tired from driving. It gets a fellow's goat to hit it up day after day at this rate of speed. Yes, I like Southern California and believe me, I am going back. There is something doing down there every mile and mile, and every building city and town is mighty fast.

Mr. Sloan stretched himself to get rid of the Fordist, bought a fishing license and tomorrow will go out and catch some Dolly Vardens for the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club banquet Monday evening.

The climate at Huntington is reported to be disagreeing with the strike brothers. Thursday but one strike brother was at work there, several of them being him.

The strike committee today declared that the strike is a success. All went out and have refused to return to work. Nearly all of the foreign-born shoecraft men in this city are sympathetic of the world way.

WILL OPEN NEW GROCERY STORE

Andrew White, formerly owner of the L. X. L. Grocery on Jefferson street, who recently sold his interests to Mr. L. L. Mulvey, is moving his grocery store into his new grocery store at 1000 Adams avenue, the building having just recently been erected by him.

Mr. White is well known in La Grande and announced that he will do all in his power to serve his former customers and the people in his usual efficient and pleasing manner.

Different Version Put on Breakdowns

The report of the breakdown of No. 10 at the bridge slightly in error, according to W. Hollins, superintendent of the second division, the cause of the accident, which resulted in disabling the engine and tender, breaking the train was due to a mistake on his part in throwing the derail. The train was held up for one hour and twenty minutes.

Hollins also stated that the report that an engine had broken down near North Powder due to a broken axle was not correct. The accident was merely the breaking of a journal on a tank car carrying gasoline, which was due to a flaw on the inside of the journal box.

In connection with the strike conditions, he says that everything remains the same, there still looking bright for the railroad.

LIVING WAGE GUARANTEE BEING SOUGHT

Senate Interstate Commerce Committee Plans Law Changes.

TRANSPORTATION ACT TO BE CHANGED

First Thing Will Be Seeing That Rail Men Get Decent Wage, Says Senator Cummins.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 15.—Hearings will be held soon by the senate interstate commerce committee to initiate revision of the transportation act and deal with problems developed by the present strike, Chairman Cummins stated today.

The first effort, Cummins said, probably would be to amend the law so as to give fair living wages to railroad workers. Later, but probably not during the present strike, he said an effort would be made to provide penalties for violation of the labor board's orders.

TWO HUNDRED MILES A DAY

La Grande People Return from Wilmington, Cal.; Had a Fine Journey and Are Going Back.

To sit at the wheel of a Ford car day after day and drive 200 miles from sun-up to dark is the record of William Sloan, who returned yesterday with his family from Wilmington, California, where they had been visiting for some time. Their eldest son, Ray, remained in California.

"We had a fine trip," said Mr. Sloan to the Evening Observer, "and the same grounds along the route are excellent. It is 1800 miles from La Grande to Los Angeles and we traveled about 200 miles a day making a trip. Of course I am tired from driving. It gets a fellow's goat to hit it up day after day at this rate of speed. Yes, I like Southern California and believe me, I am going back. There is something doing down there every mile and mile, and every building city and town is mighty fast."

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SMALL BOY HURT ON THE HIGHWAY

While playing on the highway near the Union oil station yesterday afternoon, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tallman, who reside on East Adams, was quite badly injured when in his childish play he jumped in front of the automobile driven by J. F. Fry who was on his way to his ranch southeast of the city.

There were three boys playing on the highway, two on the left side of the road and one on the right. Mr. Fry saw the children and slowing down his car, honked his horn. Apparently the little fellows chose the right side of the road as they gathered there and Mr. Fry could find nothing over to their left. Just as he was passing them, however, the little fellows lay across the road for he ran into the car. Being the driver of the car, he was forced to stop. The child was badly injured and was taken to the hospital.

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WILL FOLLOW LEADER

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The general policy committee of the United Mine Workers voted today to follow recommendations of President Lewis for rejection of President Harding's arbitration plan.



Tonight and Sunday fair.